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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2757

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PFOR CH KN

SUBJECT: KIM IL-SUNG'S PEKING VISIT

1. WHILE MANY OBSERVERS IN SEOUL ARE INCLINED TO
VIEW KIM IL-SUNG'S PEKING VISIT AS DESIGNED TO
OBTAIN GREATER PRC SUPPORT FOR MORE IMMEDIATE NORTH
KOREAN PRESSURE AGAINST ROK, ASSEMBLY SPEAKER
CHONG IL-KWON TAKES MORE MODERATE VIEW. HE TOLD
AMBASSADOR AND DCM IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION APRIL 18
THAT HE THOUGHT KIM'S AIMS WOULD BE:

A. TO CONSULT WITH CHINESE ON TACTICS FOR NEXT
UNGA ASSEMBLY, PARTICULARLY THE HANDLING OF UN COMMAND
AND US TROOPS ISSUES:

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B. TO ASK PRC FOR BEHIND SCENES SUPPORT FOR DPRK
ADMISSION TO NON-ALIGNED GROUP ; AND

C. TO REQUEST AID TO ENABLE DPRK TO MEET ITS GROWING
FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

2. CHONG DID NOT ENTIRELY REJECT THESIS THAT KIM IL-SUNG
MIGHT SEE INDOCHINA AFTERMATH AS IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY
TO TEST US RESOLVE AND TO INCREASE PRESSURE OF ALL
KINDS AGAINST ROK. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT MORE LIKELY
THAT KIM IL-SUNG WAS STILL AIMING AT LATE 1970'S AS TARGET
DATE FOR EFFORT TO UNIFY KOREA BY FORCE AND THAT IN
MEANTIME HE WOULD ACTIVELY SEEK TO STRENGTHEN KPRK'S
INTERNATIONAL POSITION, ESPECIALLY AMONG NON-ALIGNED,
AND TO HAVE US TROOPS REMOVED FROM SOUTH KOREA
HE THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT KOREANS STRATEGY MIGHT BE TO
PERSUADE CHINESE, IN UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH US, TO
ARRANGE GRADUAL DRAW DOWN OF US FORCES FROM KOREA OVER
NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

3. COMMENT: WITTINGLY OR NOT, CHONG APPEARS TO BE
DENYING CURRENT ROK LINE, WHICH STRESSES IMMINENCE OF
NORTH KOREAN THREAT. CHONG IS NORTH KOREAN AND LIVED FOR
MANY YEARS IN MANCHURIA WWII, HE ASSERTS, GIVES HIM A
BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF NORTH KOREAS/CHINESE
MOTIVES THAN MOST KOREANS.
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